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APPENDIX XIV.

[Vide item V, Non-official business, page 138 supra.]

Report of the Select Committee on the Bill to amend the Madras Proprietary Estates' Village-Service Act, 1894, and the Madras Hereditary Village-Offices Act, 1895.

BILL No. 4 OF 1930.

[*A bill to amend the Madras Proprietary Estates' Village-Service Act*, 1894, *and the Madras Hereditary Village-Offices Act*, 1895.]

To

THE HONOURALE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE GOVERNOR OF MADRAS.

WE, the undersigned members of the Select Committee, appointed on the 31st January 1930 to consider the Bill to amend the Madras Proprietary Estates' Village-Service Act, 1894, and the Madras Hereditary Village-Offices Act, 1895 (Bill No. 4 of 1930), of Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar, have the honour to submit the following report.

2. The Bill was published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* in English on the 28th of January 1930.

3. We met to-day and considered the provisions of the Bill. We have deleted clause 2 of the Bill, which provides that the Bill shall take retrospective effect from the 1st of January 1928. The other changes we have made in the Bill are of a drafting nature. The Bill as amended by us is annexed.

4. The republication of the Bill is in our opinion unnecessary.

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S. SUBRAMANIAM.
C. B. COTTERELL.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
1st February 1930.

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BILL No. 4 OF 1930.

As amended by the Select Committee.

A Bill to amend the Madras Proprietary Estates' Village-Service Act, 1894, *and the Madras Hereditary Village-Offices Act*, 1895.

Preamble. WHEREAS doubts have been entertained as to the intention and meaning of some of the provisions of the Madras Proprietary Estates' Village-Service Act, 1894, and the Madras Hereditary Village-Offices Act, 1895; And whereas it is expedient to remove those doubts; It is hereby enacted as follows:— Madras Act II of 1894, Madras Act III of 1895.

Short title. 1. This Act may be called the Madras Village-Offices (Amendment) Act, 1930.

[2 Omitted]

2. (4) In the Madras Proprietary Estates' Village-Service Act, 1894— Amendment of Madras Act II of 1894 Madras Act II of 1894.

(i) for the last sentence of section 13, the following sentences shall be substituted, namely:—

If the person registered as heir under this section remains disqualified under sub-section (1) of section 10 for three years after attaining majority, he shall be deemed to have forfeited his right to the office. On such forfeiture or on his death, the vacancy shall be filled up in accordance with the provisions of this Act, as if he was the last holder of the office; and

(ii) in section 15—

after sub-section (3), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

"(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1) or sub-section (2), no person shall be deemed to be ineligible for selection under sub-section (1) or retention under sub-section (2) by reason only of his being a minor. If a minor is selected under sub-section (1) or retained under sub-section (2), he shall be registered as the holder of the office and thereafter the procedure laid down in section 13 shall be adopted."

3. In the Madras Hereditary Village-Offices Act, 1895— Amendment of Madras Act III of 1895 Madras Act III of 1895.

(i) after sub-section (2) of section 6, the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

"(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1) or sub-section (2), no person shall be deemed to be ineligible for selection under sub-section

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(1) or retention under sub-section (2) by reason only of his being a minor. If a minor is selected **under sub-section (1)** or retained **under sub-section (2)**, he shall be registered as the holder of the office and **thereafter** the procedure laid down in sub-section (5) of section 10 shall be **adopted** ";

(ii) for the last sentence of sub-section (5) of section 10, the following sentence shall be substituted, **namely** :—

If the person registered as heir under this sub-section remains disqualified under sub-section (1) for three years after attaining majority, he shall be deemed to have forfeited his right to the office. **On such forfeiture** or on **his death the vacancy shall be filled up** in accordance with the provisions of this section **as if he was the last holder of the office ; and**

(iii) for the last sentence of sub-section (4) of section 11, the following **sentences** shall be substituted, namely :—

If the person registered as heir under this sub-section, on attaining majority, proves to be disqualified under clause (*c*) of sub-section (1), **he shall be deemed to have forfeited his right to the office. On such forfeiture or on his death the vacancy shall be filled up** in accordance with the provisions of this section **as if he was the last holder of the office.**

APPENDIX XV.

[Vide item VI, Papers laid on the table of the House, at page 139 supra 30.]

G.O. No. 1856, Development, dated 30th October 1929.

READ—the following papers :—

(i)

G.O. No. 610, Development, dated 27th March 1929.

(ii)

Letter from Khan Bahadur M. BAZL-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur, C.I.E., O.B.E., Director of Industries, to the Secretary to Government, Development Department, dated the 26th April 1929, No. 96-G/29.

I have the honour to submit the report of the Committee appointed in G.O. No. 610, Development, dated the 27th March 1929, to define the relations of the Fine Arts and Crafts sections of the School of Arts and Crafts and to advise Government on certain cognate questions. The report, it will be observed, is a unanimous one and has been signed by all the members.